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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :
Yvan LAFONTAINE : Confirmation No.: 1034
Serial No. 10/636,029 : Group Art Unit: 2636
Filed: August 7, 2003 : Examiner: John Alexander TWEEL, JR.
For: PRESENCE AND RECOGNITION SYSTEM

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In an attachment to the Notice of Allowability received in connection with the above-referenced patent application, the Examiner has included a statement of reasons for allowance. In this statement, the Examiner alleges that, "[e]ach independent claim of the application mentions the electronic key as seen in the prior art, but nowhere is this used for continuous operation of the engine."

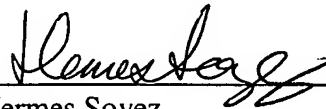
Applicant does not concede to any of the Examiner's allegations made in the statement of reasons for allowance. Rather, Applicant asserts that the combinations of elements in each of the allowed claims are patentably distinguishable over the prior art when each claim is interpreted as a whole. In other words, Applicant asserts that each of the claims are allowable in view of the

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language contained within the claims themselves and are entitled to the full scope of their literal language, as well as any and all equivalents under the doctrine of equivalents.

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